Sl. No.	States	STPI Centers
28.	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
29.		Rourkela
30.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry
31.	Punjab	Mohali
32.	Rajasthan	Jaipur
33.		Jodhpur
34.	Sikkim	Gangtok
35.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
36.		Coimbatore
37.		Madurai
38.		Thirunavelli
39.		Trichy
40.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
41.		Lucknow
42.		Noida
43.		Allahabad
44.	Uttaranchal	Dehradun
45.	West Bengal	Kolkata
46.		Durgapur
47.		Khargapur
48.		Siliguri

Setting up of 'Internet Exchanges'

3827. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Governments particularly Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat, have submitted projects for setting up of Internet Exchanges in their capitals and major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab and Orissa have requested for setting up of Internet exchanges.

(b) and (c) The Internet Exchange is operational in Mumbai, Maharashtra since October 2003. Internet Exchanges in states are set up as and when techno-economic viability is established and adequate Internet Service Providers show interest. Funds for setting up Internet exchanges at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Mohali have been released.

Quality of mobiile telephone service of BSNL in U.P.

3828. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that mobile telephone service of BSNL in Uttar Pradesh are not upto the mark, particularly in small towns and villages;

(b) if so, the details of such places; and

(c) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) based cellular mobile telephone service being provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Uttar Pradesh is working satisfactorily and is in general meeting the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

The cellular mobile network of BSNL is being continuously optimized for its performance as per the QoS parameters prescribed by TRAI.

BSNL has also made plans to cover small towns and villages (may be getting incidental mobile coverage presently) with Cellular Mobile Service of BSNL having population greater than 1000 by March, 2010 progressively depending upon techno-commercial feasibility.